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ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of countries are dumping their goods such as consumer goods, engineering goods, agro products and life saving drugs in Indian market at cheaper rates;

(b) if so, the extent to which the domestic industries / producers have been affected due to dumping of these goods;

(c) whether the government have initiated steps to check / discourage the dumping of goods by foreign countries in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the names of countries against whom anti-dumping measures have been initiated;

(e) the number of cases and names of countries against whom investigations are still in progress;

(f) the time by which investigation is likely to be completed; and
(g) the further steps proposed to be taken to stop dumping by foreign countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (g) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 124 for answer on 2.3.2001, regarding Anti-Dumping Duties by Shri Vilas Muttemwar and Shrimati Jayashree Banerjee:

(a) & (b) Representations have been received from the domestic industry of Consumer Goods, Engineering Goods, Drugs and Chemicals complaining about dumping of goods into the country. The extent of injury varies from product to product and is reflected in the recommendation of Anti-Dumping Duty by the Designated Authority.

(c) & (d) Yes, sir. So far the Designated Authority has initiated 87 Anti-Dumping cases.60 cases have been completed and definitive duty has been recommended by the Designated Authority. Besides, provisional duty has been recommended in 16 cases. The names of the countries against whom Anti-Dumping investigations have been initiated include China, Russia, Mexico, Korea, USA, Japan, Kazakhstan, Germany, Thailand, Denmark, Indonesia, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Austria, France, Taiwan, Malaysia, Ukraine, Portugal, Romania, Turkey, S. Africa, Macedonia, Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Singapore, S. Arabia, Iran, Poland, Hungary, Bangladesh, UAE, Netherlands and European Union.

(e) Anti-Dumping investigations are in progress for imposing provisional duty in 11 cases. The names of the countries against whom Anti-Dumping investigations are proceeding include China, Russia, USA, Singapore, Netherlands, Indonesia, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Poland, Japan, Korea, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Iran, UAE, S. Arabia, France, Ukraine and European Union.

(f) The normal time allowed for conclusion and submission of Final Findings is one year from the date of initiation of investigation. However, provisional duty can be imposed after a minimum period of 60 days and secondly, after examination of responses of affected parties who are entitled to a maximum period of 40 days for submission of their responses to the notices issued on commencement of the proceedings.

(g) Some of the other measures taken by the Government to combat the threat of dumping are as follows:

(i) Import duties in number of items have been increased in the recent past including in the Budget of 2001- 02.

(ii) Import of all packaged commodities have been made subject to compliance of all the conditions of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodity) Order, 1977, as applicable on domestic producers.

(iii) Import of 131 products has been made subject to compliance of the mandatory Indian quality standards as applicable to domestic goods. For compliance of this requirement all manufacturers / exporters of these products to India shall be required to register themselves with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).The list of 131 products includes various food preservatives and additives, milk

powder, infant milk food, certain kinds of cement, household and similar electrical appliances, gas cylinders and multipurpose dry batteries.